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(54) Sheet Key and Operating Unit**(57) [Abstract]**

[Problem To Be Solved] To provide a sheet key and an operating unit capable of obtaining better click feeling than conventional one, a surely opening/closing said key contact with the minimum key contact.

[Solution Means] In a sheet key in which a key button 2 capable of freely coming in and out is integrally formed as a part of an insulating elastic sheet made of a polyester elastomer, for example, and a conductive part 5 for opening and closing a key contact 4 of a circuit board 3 is formed on the back side of the key button 2, a peak part 8 which comes into contact with the circuit board 3 and becomes the fulcrum of the inclination and falling of the key button 2, when the key contact 4 is closed,

installed in the position off the central part on the back side of the key button 2, or a thick part 16 not capable of coming in and out, which becomes the fulcrum of the inclination and falling of the key button 2 when the key contact 4 is closed, is installed in one part of the periphery of the key button 2. Also, an operating unit such that said sheet key 1 and the circuit board 3 equipped with a key contact 4 are polymerized.

